Saturday and Sunday Servants:

If you CANNOT fulfill your Saturday or

Sunday Servant position as scheduled, <u>PLEASE try to obtain your own substitute</u> (make sure you notify the usher) or call the Servant Coordinator (listed under the Servant responsibility). <u>If you leave a voice message</u>

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	5:30p	THIS Saturday March 8, 2008	Next Saturday March 15, 2008			
Sound System		Lee Quaintance	Lee Quaintance			
Video Projection		Matt / Steve Hansen	Matt / Steve Hansen			
Ushers:		Allen Clauson & Jere Griffiths	Mike & Lisa Smith			
Lector		Allen Clauson	Lisa Smith			
Greeters		Allen Clauson & Jere Griffiths	Mike & Lisa Smith			
Servant		Today	Next Sunday			
Coordinators		March 9, 2008	March 16, 2008			
Sound System	8:30	Dave Sell	Jan Baas			
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<u>Video Projection</u> Stephanie Mason 303-579-4449	8:30 & 11a	Jill Konicek	Gabe Vigil			
<u>Greeters</u>	8:30	Leroy & Nadine Heidt	Ewald & Kathe Schelert			
Linda Thoman 303-772-0069		Janice Stugelmeyer	Ben Gomez			
	11a	Raemer Family; Alice Cuba;	Bob & Yvonne Alm			
		Roger & Addy Martinez	Julie Zumhofe			
<u>Head Ushers</u>	8:30	Ed Owens	Ed Owens			
Nanette Goings 303-772-6269	11a	Gordy Wallace	Gordy Wallace			
Ushers	8:30	Michael Irvin	Steve Freeman			
Nanette Goings 303-772-6269		Jason Irvin	Harold Whitefoot			
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		Mike Schaff	Mark Flowers			
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<u>Lectors</u>	8:30	Bob Kaiser	Larry Odegard			
Nanette Goings 303-772-6269	11a	LaRae Schaff	Craig Hovick			
Communion Servers	8:30	Alan & Kathleen Chestnut	David & Jill Brown			
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Chris Goble 303-834-8121	11a	Jim & Judy Conradson	Mark & Joan Flowers			
<u>Nursery</u>	8:30	Phil & Brenda Spreier	Ben & Heather Gomez			
Natalie Boggess 303-823-8683	9:45	Natalie Boggess	Natalie Boggess			
	11a	Jennifer Tatham	Carrie Hostetter			
Children's Church		Kathe Schelert	Anne Hovick			
Nanette Goings 303-772-6269	11a	Elisabeth Phelan, Asst	TBD, Asst			
Office Volunteers Nanette Goings 303-772-6269	9:30- 11a	Janelle Olson	Veta Hartman			
<u>Coffee Cleanup</u> Nanette Goings 303-772-6269	after 11a	Erin Ciccone	Terry & Laurel Schemmel			



The mission Christ gave to all churches is to "Go make disciples of all nations..." Mt 28:19

Here at Faith Community Lutheran...

We almost always follow the traditional order of worship familiar to most Lutherans, but usually our services are a "blend" of old and new music.

As Lutherans, we view ourselves as a church of "Word & Sacrament." Therefore, "God's Word" is held in high esteem as we follow lessons and sermon with our Bibles open.

FCLC is among a growing number of Lutheran Churches committed to celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion every week.

Here's a priceless way we can all help others... and also "be in the know" with Faith Community needs & news. Join the Faith Community Prayer Chain and "breathe" a word of prayer for those in need.

<u>Prayer-chain@fclc.org</u> is the email list that gets your prayer requests to the congregation.

It's easy to sign up, just go to our website: www.fclc.org; click on the "Email" button on the left side of the screen; select Prayer-chain... there are instructions to lead you through the subscription process.

OR, if you get frustrated, call Janelle at the church office and she will assist you.

You must subscribe to the prayer-chain <u>before</u> you can post your own prayer request or <u>praise</u> remarks.

IF YOU DO NOT BELONG TO THE PRAYER-

<u>CHAIN and have a prayer concern</u>, please call the church office at 303-776-8771 Mon-Fri between 8:30-noon, or 1:00-4:30.

Evenings and weekends, call either

- † Marsha Tollefson at 303-651-2354, or
- + Innalla Olean at 202 774 2214 and thou

FCLC News

Faith Community Lutheran Church Weekly News Update

March 9, 2008

www.fclc.org | www.fclc.org/podcast

For our quests ... Welcome!

We are grateful that you have remembered the Sabbath to keep it holy.

Worship Attendance

March 1 & 2, 2008

2008 Worship

Sat 5:30 96 Sun 8:30 158 Sun 11a <u>266</u> Totals: 520

2008 Average Attendance: 529 2007 Average Attendance: 508

Sunday school --9:45 -----177 Total / 62 Adults

Easter Breakfast

"Let us do the cooking...."

Come join us for breakfast on Easter Sunday, March 23rd, prepared and served by our Youth Group that is going to Workcamp this year in Blanding, UT.

Breakfast will be served

- † from 7:00 am to 11:00 am Easter Sunday
- † Fellowship Hall

Bring your family and friends! Hope to see you there!

"Donations will be greatly appreciated"

Easter Worship - March 23, 2008



Easter services will be at 7:30, 9:15 & 11:00 (NO Saturday Service) with the Sunday school "Easter Extravaganza" for the kids at 9:15. This schedule seems to facilitate our flow of traffic between services.

You may want to consider the 7:30 service (almost a "Sunrise Service!) as our Easter breakfast will run from 7:00 to 11:00. Hosted by our Workcampers.

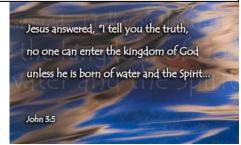
Prayer Requests

Please call the office to help us keep these prayers current.

- † Pete Seale—back surgery on March 5th in Denver; that his pain be controlled.
- † Meyers family—on the death of Laura's grandmother in New York; for peace, grace; and travel mercies.
- † Walder family—Jim's mother, Pat, diagnosed with Stage IV lung cancer.
- † Charlotte Nelson—her son, Edward Aldridge, is awaiting test results for a spot on his liver.
- † Vece family—Josephine's mother, Dorothy Panek, will be undergoing 7 weeks of chemo.
- † Beverly Davis—on the death of her mother, Esther Hawkins, in CA; prayers for peace at this time.
- † Martha Van Gent-recovering from hip replacement surgery February 14th at 93 years of age!
- † Schaff family—LaRae's father battling cancer of chest & liver; beginning radiation treatments.
- † Griffee family—Kathy's niece, Amanda struggling with her 7-month-old's brain tumor; had 3rd surgery.
- † Datte family—Rose's father is hospitalized in the Philippines.
- † Ralph Morgan—diagnosed with interstitial lung disease and under hospice care.
- † Roy Cook—continuing treatments for lung cancer.
- † Judy Heller—continuing with 'modified' chemo every 2 weeks; tumor marker has stabilized.
- † Ken Willson—recovering from surgery for a brain tumor last summer.
- † Jon Prout, Eric Smith, Aaron Hartman, Zack Morton, Brandon Lockwood, Nicolas Hennig, Ian McCormick—prayers for FCLC men/family members in the military; for God's protection; and strength for body, mind and soul.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Baptized at our 8:30 worship this morning is Nora Grace Dukart. Her parents are Henry & Kim Dukart. Nora's sponsors are Jim & Robbie Unruh, and Mark & Elaine Brush. We welcome you into the Family of God and the family of Faith Community Lutheran.



Discipleship

Several thoughts / prayers regarding our giving:

- Our hope is to meet our 2008 budget by getting an average commitment of \$45/week from each member family
- Our hope is money previously designated to our building fund will be redirected to the general fund.
- Our hope is members will increase their giving by 10 percent over their giving last year.

Treasurer's Report			
Week #9		_	
	2008	2007	2006
Budget YTD	\$1 38,60 2	\$124,204	\$ 116,2 41
General offering YTD	\$105,691	\$ 94,117	\$ 99,830
Needed per week	\$15,493	\$13,670	\$12,600
Average per week	\$11,743	\$10,457	\$11,092

Just a friendly reminder regarding voting requirements:

- Our constitution, in Chapter 7.02c, states, "Voting members are confirmed members... who have communed and made contribution during the current or preceding year."
- ◆ The By-Laws state in Part 3 (Membership), Paragraph C (Voting Members), 1b: "Those who contribute annually... according to the congregation's record."

Library Notes

Easter stories to read together during these last weeks of Lent? Picture books and devotional readings are on the narthex book bin, the children's display shelves, and the book holders in the Reading Room. Take some home today.

Youth Director Update

The Youth Committee spent January and February reviewing the job description, and assessing their top priorities. In February, the committee put together a list of interviewing questions. Please find the job description for this full-time position on the Youth Board. If any of you know of someone who might be interested, please encourage them to send their resumes to the church to the attention "interviewing committee." We will be collecting resumes through the end of March, and interviewing candidates in April and early May. Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers!

- † Doug Inskeep Council Rep for Youth
- † Diane Sell Current interim YD
- † Federico Ruiz Human Resource Rep
- † Sililo Woo Ching -FCLC Workcamp director/Youth Committee member
- † Kaydene Hubert Parent/member at large
- † Kendall Lind 11th grade
- † Nathan Schemmel 10th grade
- † Graham Harms 9th grade
- † Chloe Storaci 8th grade

"Foothills of the Rockies" Workcamp—Longmont 2008

As many of you know, <u>Faith Community Lutheran Church is hosting "Foothills of the Rockies"</u> <u>Workcamp in Longmont during the weeks of 21 and 28 July</u>. Our preparations began in late summer last year. Our efforts will continue even after the campers leave in very early August. Please continue to pray for all aspects of the Workcamp. Occasionally, we will ask for specific prayers or actions. Now is one of those times!

As the sign outside says: "Free Home Repair!" You cannot believe how hard it is to give that away! Our goal is to have applications for 100 possible work sites. We presently have 20. The city has advertised. We have advertised. The city has sent people door-to-door in areas that may appreciate Workcamp efforts. We have gone door-to-door to area churches. While knowledge of the Workcamp is increasing, we need your assistance. If you know of anyone that could benefit from the Workcamp, please take them an application (they are available in the Outreach corner of the Narthex).

If you have any Workcamp related questions, please talk with any of these folks:

- Marcie Mason at 303-772-1730, mllmason@mindspring.com
- Bob Thoman, at 303-772-0039 or 303-717-6574, thomanonline@yahoo.com or
- Mike Krantz at 303-819-4985 or manthonyk@hotmail.com

Thank you for your help.

Outreach News

O.U.R. Center Food Drive -- A Success!

A Big <u>Thank YOU</u> goes out to the entire congregation for the incredible support of the FCLC weekly food drive during the month of February. We donated over 500 lbs of non-perishable food and personal care items to the OUR Center. A special thanks goes to the 6th graders for making the bread mixes and raising \$128. This money was used to purchase items for the food drive.

More support for the O.U.R. Center...

Thank You to all those who painted bowls and donated them to the OUR Center's "Empty Bowl" Benefit dinner. The 8th grade confirmation class as well as the Moms & More Bible Study helped to provide almost 30 bowls for this event. Tickets are still available for this event on <u>Saturday, March 15</u>. Contact the OUR Center at 303.772.5529 if you'd like to purchase a \$17 ticket.

Habitat for Humanity

Mark your calendars for <u>Saturday, March 29</u>. We need your help. If you can help pre-make and/or serve lunch at Habitat for Humanity from 11am-1pm, please contact Veta Hartman (<u>hartmanv@comcast.net</u>). If you're interested in participating in a Habitat workday, contact Ewald Schelert (schelert@mesanetworks.net)

Community Food Share needs volunteers!

Community Food Share is having their 20th Annual Hunger Hurts the Whole Community Food Drive on March 12-25. They are in desperate need of volunteers to help "greet" at the local grocery stores during this time. If you can help with this, please contact Sue Ericson at sericson@communityfoodshare.org or 303.662.3663 x202

Christian Education

Sunday Adult Education Opportunities

Here We Stand: What Lutherans Believe and Why

Pastor Bruce is currently exploring the teachings of Martin Luther in his Small and Large Catechisms. Last week, we started "The Apostles Creed." Meets in Sunrise Room 226.

A Study of the Gospel of John

John Benson will be leading and facilitating discussion of this Bible book. The class periods will include reading from God's Word, responding to prepared questions, and sharing with other class members. Come and see how Jesus is the source of <u>Light</u>, <u>Love</u> and <u>Life</u> for the world. Meets in Room 232.

Digging Deeper with Pastor Dan

Dig deeper with Pastor Dan into the Bible texts of the day. Enjoy the big Bible discussion with a small group dynamic. Meets in Sunset Room 230.

Mark your Calendars now! Confirmation Planning Meeting

Sunday, March 16, 12:15 pm, Sunrise room. All 8th graders AND their parents should plan on attending this one-time planning meeting for Confirmation Weekend (May 3-4). Now's the time to give input and get your questions answered regarding the format of faith statements, confirmation questioning and worship service details. Confirmation robe measurements will also take place at this time.

Summer of Gifts Summer Sunday School needs YOU!

Yes, it is only March... but plans are already in the works for the 3rd Annual Summer of Gifts Summer Sunday School. But we need YOU! Do you have a hobby, special talent or occupation, which you would be willing to teach/share with others (of any age group) for 1 hour, 1 Sunday morning during June, July or August? You pick the topic. You pick the class size and age group. You pick the Sunday. We will help you tie it back to the Bible. Last year we were able to offer 72 classes because of some amazing volunteers! Please contact Nanette at nanette@fclc.org by April 15, to volunteer.

Paul's Letter to the Ephesians

A new Bible Study on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians is held <u>every Thursday at 9:30am</u> in the Library Reading Room. Questions? Call Chris Goble, 303-834-8121, <u>chris.goble@bridgetest.com</u> or Marsha Tollefson, 303-651-2354, <u>tollys2@msn.com</u>

Easter Extravaganza Sunday School on March 23, 9:15-10:15 am

If you are 3 years old through fifth grade, come join us in Room 126 during the 9:15 AM church service, for this mighty special event on Easter Sunday! Hear the Easter story! Create a unique Faster craft! Make an Easter spack!

The Nursery is staffed during our Lenten worship services at 4:30 & 7:00 pm.

Love and Logic—"Early Childhood Parenting Made FUN!"

Learn immediately effective parenting strategies for managing the early childhood years (infancy through six years of age). Humorous videos and engaging group discussion make for a fun and rewarding evening facilitated by Love and Logic instructor Cyndi Goldfarb. Couples are encouraged to attend together. Put the fun back into parenting!

- Where: FCLC
- When: Thursdays March 27, April 10, 17, 24 and May 1 from 6-8:15pm
- Cost: \$150 per couple, or \$130 per individual plus a materials fee of \$10
- Childcare available for a small fee

To register or for more information, contact Michelle Kramer via her email address: michkramer@msn.com or call her at 303-823-9623.

Do You Need a "Kid Fix?"

Are you looking for a fun, new way to serve in the church? Do you enjoy spending time with children? If so, the Nursery needs your help six (6) times a year. All you need is a smile and a caring heart. Would you please pray about joining our rotation of nursery volunteers at the 11am service? We are looking for both adults and youth.

Please contact Natalie Boggess at 303-823-8683 or nboggess01@hotmail.com

King Soopers & Safeway Grocery Gift Cards

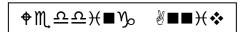


Our grocery certificates have been changed to plastic grocery gift cards! We now have them for both Safeway and King Soopers. So, stop by the grocery certs booth and purchase your cards on Sunday mornings for all your holiday grocery shopping needs. We will be selling them between services.

> For every \$10 in grocery certificates purchased, you will receive a BIBLE BUCK!

Next BIBLE BUCKS STORE DATE: Easter Sunday-March 23, 10:30-11 am, Room 103.

Our church receives 5% of the value of the cards and the 5% monies this month goes to support the Christian Education Ministry. There is no extra cost to you. You buy \$100 of gift cards and get to spend \$100 at the grocery store. The store, however, gives FCLC \$5 per \$100!



March 9

Charles & Kirsten Herring – 17 yrs

March 15

Kevin & Michelle Hansen - 11 yrs

Birthdays

March 9

Laurie Mora Lucas Brockman

March 10 Cindy Palm

March 11 Kathy Praska Ryan McDermid Dylan Schumacher

March 12

Ron Wormke Megan Bonds Sydney Wetterstrom March 13 Paul Lerum

March 14 Alicia Stover Chloe Olson March 15

Luke Demmel

Fellowship

Lenten Soup Suppers -

Our last soup supper of the Lenten season will be served from 5:15 TO 6:45 PM:

† Mar. 12: a variety of soups—served by Youth Ministry

We're serving grilled cheese or cheese quesadillas, fruit, and salad/vegetables each week. Pricing is \$4 - ages 16+; \$2 - ages 11-15; \$1 - ages 3-10. Come enjoy some good food and fellowship either before or after one of the beautiful Lenten services.

Seder Dinner -- Thursday, March 20th @ 6:00 pm, in the FCLC Fellowship Hall

Officiated by Pastors Dan Hansen & Bruce Welander

You're invited to experience a very sacred holiday celebration and learn more about the rich traditional heritage of the Hebrews. The Seder Dinner commemorates the Passover Week as the Hebrew Thanksgiving, the giving thanks to God for deliverance and redemption.



This year's menu includes Roasted Leg of Lamb, Seder Potato Casserole, Lemon-Pepper Green Beans, Chroset Salad, Relish Tray, Matza, Bread, and Peanut Butter Cookies.

Tickets are on sale NOW after church services and during Soup Suppers. Cost is \$6 for Adults (12 and up) and \$3 for Kids (11 & Under). Tickets are limited, so buy yours today!!!

Seder Dinner Helpers

Wayne Hubert keeps us laughing in the kitchen and all of us who help with the Seder Meal have a great time! If you can put in anywhere from 1 - 6 hours to help us, please contact Sally Meier at sallyjmeier@yahoo.com or 303-938-8680. We'll provide a great lunch for you, too!

Mom's & More Bible Study Group

- † This group is reading *A Modern Girl's Guide to Bible Study* by Jen Hatmaker.
- They meet every Wednesday morning from 9:30am-11am at the church in Sunset Room 230.
- Childcare is provided in the church nursery for the little ones.
- † Contact Mandy Wormke (mwormke@comcast.net) if you'd like more information

Women's Group

- † This group is using the Beth Moore Bible Study, *Breaking Free*.
- † They meet Friday mornings, 9:00-11:00 am at the home of Jeanne Ruiz, 4152 Prairie Fire Circle, Longmont, CO 80503.
- † Call Jeanne at 303-702-0227 with any questions or concerns.

"The Passion of the Christ"

Mel Gibson's movie: to be presented on

- Palm Sunday, March 16th
- **FCLC Sanctuary**
- 6:30 pm (2 hrs. 10 min)

Musical Drama Troupe Coming to Faith Community Lutheran

When: Friday Night, July 18th

Needs for Group: Host families willing to take a minimum of two (2) youth at their home for one (1) night (Friday, July 18th) following the production.

Sign up to help: by calling into the office and getting your name on a list with Janelle Olson.

This group is sponsored by Pastor Dan's home congregation and we are looking forward to their production. What a great ministry! Please mark this on your summer calendars now and let us know if you can host. We need to house 85 people.

Any questions, please contact Diane Sell at the church, 303-776-8771, or diane@fclc.org

Background on the Troupe:

<u>SPOUDAZO</u> is a group of 70 wonderful teens who are excited about sharing their faith with you through a meaningful music and drama ministry. This ministry is sponsored by First Lutheran Church in Fremont, Nebraska. However, it is ecumenical in nature, drawing young people from 13 churches in the Fremont area this year. This is **SPOUDAZO**'s fifteenth year of music and drama ministry, which God has blessed beyond measure. The tours of years past have taken **SPOUDAZO**'s ministry from Denver to Chicago and from Duluth to San Antonio. The group has been graciously hosted by a great many churches, and warmly embraced by congregations in every tour location.

The 70 performing youth of <u>SPOUDAZO</u> are accompanied by a dedicated group of 10 college leaders, and 10 adult leaders. Auditions for the group were this week and rehearsals began June 1st and are every Tuesday and Friday. They consist of intense practice time along with small group fellowship and Bible study.

In case you are wondering about <u>Spoudazo's</u> schedule after they arrive for their performance on Friday, July 18th, we are anticipating it will look something like this:

4:30 pm	Arrive at church and setup
5:30 pm	Pot Luck dinner hosted by FCLO
6:45 pm	Warm-up and centering time
7:30 pm	Presentation in Sanctuary
9:00 pm	Host families take Youth home

Saturday, July 19th

8:30am: Drop youth off at Church and send them on their way!

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to thank Faith Community for the generous donations to our Ministry the past few months. These gifts enable us to buy materials of yarn and fleece, and to help pay postage to mail shawls away.

Since September twenty-five ladies have made 150 shawls and given away nearly 100. We are currently teaching new members how to knit or quilt. We welcome anyone to join us. We meet the 4^{th} Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in Room 230.

If you know of someone who would benefit from receiving a shawl, please contact Marsha Tollefson, <u>tollys2@msn.com</u> or Carole Freeman, <u>s.c.freeman@att.net</u>

Sky Ranch

All Sky Ranch Kids & Families!!!

- † It's time to hand in or mail your child's/children's \$100 deposit(s) for camp.
- † FCLC youth will be going to Sky Ranch June 22-27, 2008.
- † This camp is for the Youth who have completed grades 4th thru 8th.
- † The cost to register and hold a spot is \$100. The total cost of the camp is \$370. Scholarships are available through the church.
- † Contact <u>Karla Irvin</u> at 303-485-5779 or via email <u>mkirvin@earthlink.net</u> with your questions or concerns. More information can be found at <u>www.LdoubleR.org</u>



Altar Flowers

<u>March 7</u> Celebrating our grandson Ben Kleiman's 5th birthday

Bob & Linda Thoman

<u>Altar Flowers</u> enhance our worship services. Providing flowers is a wonderful way to honor family and friends. <u>We have several open Sundays on the Flower Chart</u> that is posted next to the coffee bar in the Narthex. FCLC has a standing flower order with Longmont Florist.

- † When you donate the flowers, the cost is \$35.00.
- † Make your check payable to Faith Community Lutheran Church (FCLC) and write "Altar Flowers" on the memo line.
- † Payment is due the day the flowers are provided.

After the 11:00 am service, you may take the flowers home if you wish. Vases should be returned to church. Leave them in the Sacristy (the room behind the altar).

Questions: Call Chris Goble, 303.434.8962

Lutheran Via de Cristo of the Rockies www.vdcr.org

Lutheran Via de Cristo of the Rockies is hosting a "Grand Reunion" on Sunday, March 16th concurrently at three Colorado Front Range Lutheran churches:

- <u>Faith Community Lutheran Church, Longmont, CO</u> (Contacts: Ed & Diane Broestl, Kirk Olson, Harlan & Janelle Olson, Wayne Morrissey)
- <u>Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Centennial, CO</u> (Contacts: Earl Cunningham, Pastor Geri Cunningham)
- <u>Bethel Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs</u> (Contacts: Bill Guman, Pastor Nita Mathews, Dave Lund, Thomas Torgerson, Bob Curnow)

At 12:00 noon on March 16th lunch will be provided at each host church. Members from the Lutheran Via de Cristo of the Rockies' leadership Team will provide a brief recap of the amazing progress that was made in 2007 -- the year that VdCR officially was chartered by the National Lutheran Secretariat as the nation's newest Via de Cristo chapter.

If you have never attended a Via de Cristo weekend, we'll share a little as to what the VdC method is all about and answer your questions (there are no secrets!). We'll tell you how VdC develops stronger leaders in Lutheran congregations. We'll provide details for attending this Fall's inaugural three-day VdCR Weekend #1 for men and women at the beautiful *Highlands Presbyterian Retreat and Conference Center* in Allenspark, CO. As always, there is no cost to first-time participants.

If you are a Via de Cristo "veteran," this event is a great chance for you to reconnect with those you may have served on a previous VdC Weekend in Colorado or elsewhere. Applications will be available for you to become a Team member for this Fall's Men's and Women's VdCR Weekend #1, and to help you sponsor new members.

"Via de Cristo Helps Build Strong Lay Leaders in Lutheran Churches!"

How Easter is Determined

Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox (which is March 20). This dating of Easter is based on the lunar calendar that Hebrew people used to identify Passover, which is why it moves around on our Roman calendar. Based on the above, Easter can actually be one day earlier (March 22) but that is pretty rare.

Here's the interesting info:

This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see. Only the most elderly (95 or older) of our population have seen it this early and none of us have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier! Here are the facts:

The next time Easter will be this early (March 23) will be the year 2228 (220 years from now). The last time it was this early was 1913, so if you're 95 or older you were around for that.

The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285 (277 years from now). The last time it was on March 22 was 1818. So, no one alive today has or will ever see it any earlier than this year!

Faith Community Lutheran Easter Garden

We invite you to share flowers for our Sanctuary on <u>Easter Sunday</u>, <u>March 23</u>, <u>2008</u>. They will fill the sanctuary with their fragrance and remind us of new life in Jesus.

Plants need to be paid for at time of ordering. Please make your check out to Faith Community Lutheran Church. Write "Easter Flowers" on the memo line.

Last day to order is Palm Sunday, March 16!

Thank you for sharing flowers and memories with the FCLC family on this Easter Sunday. You may pick up your plant <u>after</u> late service on Easter Sunday.

\$8.00/plant

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